

NEWS & COMMENTS

“End of an Era; The Last Reno Air Races”

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It would appear that the author allowed his word processing program's spelling and grammar editing algorithm to apply “artificial” intelligence, instead of the real thing. For the record, “Cook Cleveland” and “Cleveland Cook” should read Cook Cleland.

Worse than the author's sloppiness, in my honest opinion, is the lack of editorial oversight by the appropriate members of the editorial board. Hopefully the next issue of the *Journal* will get a better pre-flight inspection.

W.H. Badstubner

Editor's Note: Yes, Mr. Bastubner is correct in that we flubbed this one. The assumption, which was incorrect, being that the author had cross-checked and verified this type of information. As we can't be experts on all subjects published, we have to rely that authors don't make these types of errors. Obvious typos and reversed names should be caught, and we'll try to make sure they don't slip through our reviews. We'll also correct, or request the author do so, things like mismatched timelines in the article, incorrect identifications when we catch them and other obvious errors.

For those that want clean corrected copies, the AAHS has for several years posted corrected versions of articles on the AAHS website, which has been done for this particular one. We encourage all our members to let us know if and when we flub it. That way we can post corrected versions and for those relying on printed copies, we can issue an errata such as this.

“Harry L. Ogg and His Private Air Office”

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We received a message from Susan M. Knapp, Harry Ogg's granddaughter in which she expressed her appreciation to the Society for publishing this story. She stated, “Great article about

my grandfather, Harry L. Ogg! Barbara Schultz did a fantastic piece. “Father” as we called him was a fantastic grandpa. He let us build things! Many thanks, Susan Ogg Knapp”

It is always refreshing to receive comments like this. It encourages us to know that we are doing the best we can to capture and preserve American aviation history.

AAHS Plane Spotter

With over a million images in the AAHS archives, we face the same challenge that any organization has of making a large collection accessible to its audience. The AAHS created a web based tool that directly addresses this challenge – AAHSPlaneSpotter.com. This tool allows volunteers to work from the comfort of their home with only the requirement being to have internet access.

Each volunteer is assigned a group of high resolution photos to catalog, as best they can, from the image content – make, model, registration number, s/n, etc. In this way, the searchable image database is expanded. Using this tool, we have been able to add over 40,000 images to the database with just a handful of volunteers. But, with over a million images **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS** to complete the task in our lifetime.

The Society has also used the tool to help introduce students to aviation. San Diego State University's Intro to Aerospace Engineering, taught by AAHS member Dr. Gary Fogel, has used AAHSPlaneSpotter as an extra credit opportunity. This year's class had 62 student participate resulting in almost 1,000 images being cataloged.

If you would like to help the Society with this project just point your browser at www.aahsplanespotter.com. Try the demo. Read the FAQ's. Then, send an email to Ivolunteer@aaahsplanespotter.com indicating you would like to help.

Call for Articles

Several years ago, we issued a call for articles and provided a list of potential subjects for these. You responded admirably to this call. But, our needs are insatiable. We constantly are on the lookout for new material for the *Journal*, and rely on primarily our members for this content. If you at story you would like to tackle, please let the editor (Hayden Hamilton, webmaster@aaahs-online.org) know so that he can coordinate individual efforts. We want to avoid a situation where two of you are working on the same topic. With coordination, this can be avoided, and/or we can team up individuals wanting to work on the same topic (there is nothing wrong with having coauthors and it helps spread the effort).